(d) whether Government propose to hold examinations in April-May with declaration of results in July-August every year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Survey on requirments of Postgraduate Education

3118. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any district-wise survey has been done of the requirements of postgraduate education all over the country;

(b) if so, the agency or institution which carried out the study;

(c) whether there is striking imbalance in the level of education between agriculture dominated districts and industrial districts;

(d) how Government propose to lessen differences in the level of opportunities available to students in different parts of the country; and

(e) the steps proposed to offer equal level of University education available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The policy relating to extension of Distance Education System, both through open and conventional universities, and provision of non-collegiate educational system are the initiatives introduced to meet the aspirations of all to receive tertiary education.

Teaching Load at IIT Professors

3119. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms for the Professors in the Indian Insitute of Technology (IIT) regarding teaching load at the Under Graduate (UG) level;

(b) whether Government are aware that most of the Senior Professors in IIT, Delhi have no teaching load at the UG level;

(c) if, so the details thereof, Department-wise, separately and reasons for extending relaxation to the Senior Professors in IIT, Delhi; and

(d) whether Government would make it compulsory for all the Senior Professors to devote at least one third of their teaching load at the UG level in IIT, Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) (a) to (d) The teaching load as per norms is shared by all faculty in the Indian Institutes of Technology. The functions of the faculty including Professors include teaching at undergraduate/postgraduate levels and research. It is not correct to say that most of the Senior Professors in IIT Delhi have no teaching load at the undergraduate level.

Government & NGO's Action Plan for Pollution Control

3120. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the occasion of the World Environment Day,

Environmentalists and others have called for an action plan for pollution control by Government and non-Government Organisations;

(b) If so, whether a function in the Bhartia Vidya Bhawan, New Delhi was held on that day;

(c) if so, the details of discussions held in the function; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPTAIN JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) The World Environment Day is held on the 5th June every year to create awareness about the environment. The United Nations Environment Programme suggests a theme for the Day. The theme for this year was "Our Earth, Out Habitat, Our Home". Various organisations in the country organised functions to commemorate the Day. The ministry is not aware of any specific call given for an action plan for pollution control on the occasion.

(b) to (d) The Ministry is not aware of any function having been held in the Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, New Delhi on that day.

Steps to Create Mass awareness of Pollution

3121. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to check environmental pollution in the country; and

(b) what effective measures Government propose to take to create mass awareness on environmental pollution in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPTAIN JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) The steps taken by the Government to check environmental pollution in the country include the following:

1. Environmental Guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries.

2. Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment and also for the shifting of industries from congested areas.

3. Custom and excise duty exemptions are provided to the industries for pollution control/ monitoring equipment.

4. A scheme for setting up of common effluent treatment plants in clusters of small scale industrial units is under implementation.

5. To promote pollution prevention in small and medium scale industries, a project on establishment of waste minimisation circles in cluster of small scale industries has been taken up.

6. Effluent and emission standards have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

7. 24 problems areas have been identified in the country for abatement of pollution.

8. A network of ambient air and water quality monitoring stations throughout the country has been set up.

9. Tighter emission standards were introduced on 1.4.1996 for all categories of petrol and diesel vehicles is to be made stricter from 1.4-2000. This would help introduce cleaner vehicles involving upgradation of technologies to reduce emissions from vehicles.

10. The Central Government has advised the various States to enforce the standards for emissions from on-road vehicles and create awareness